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Governor leaving office on Friday amid widening investigations

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Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens, a sometimes brash political outsider whose unconventional resume as a Rhodes scholar and Navy SEAL officer made him a rising star in the Republican Party, resigned Tuesday amid a widening investigation that arose from an affair with his former hairdresser. The 44-year-old governor spent nearly six months fighting to stay in office after the affair became public in January in a television news report that aired immediately following his State of the State address. The probes into his conduct by prosecutors and lawmakers began with allegations stemming from the affair and expanded to include questions about whether he violated campaign finance laws. Greitens said his resignation would take effect Friday. “This ordeal has been designed to cause an incredible amount of strain on my family — millions of dollars of mounting legal bills, endless personal attacks designed to cause maximum damage to family

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Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens on Tuesday abruptly announced his resignation after a scandal involving an affair with his former hairdresser led to a broader investigation by prosecutors and state legislators.

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Timeline

AFTER THE REVELATION in January that Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens had an extramarital affair, the first-term Republican faced a series of investigations and charges. Here’s a look at some of the significant moments that led to Greitens’ announcement Tuesday that he is resigning:

JAN. 10 — Hours after Greitens delivers his State of the State speech, St. Louis television station KMOV broadcasts a story featuring a conversation secretly recorded between the governor’s former hairdresser and her then-husband in 2015 in which she is heard saying she had a sexual encounter with Greitens. She says he took a photo of her while she was partially nude and threatened to release it if she exposed their relationship. Greitens issues a statement admitting to having an affair but calling it consensual and denying blackmail.

FEB. 22 — A grand jury in St. Louis indicts the governor on a felony invasion of privacy charge for taking and transmitting the alleged photo. Greitens’ attorney says the charge is “baseless and unfounded.”

MARCH 1 — The Republican-led Missouri House forms a bipartisan committee to investigate Greitens. On the same day, Republican Attorney General Josh Hawley opens an inquiry into The Mission Continues, a veterans charity Greitens founded. A key issue is Greitens’ use of a charity donor list.

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Rock operation moves as result of complaints

Crusher processing materials from city projects

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A crushing operation that pulverized rock and concrete, including material from Joplin’s disaster recovery repair projects, has relocated after it generated a cloud of complaints about dust and noise from a south Joplin neighborhood for months.

Residents on 34th Street east of Main Street said this week they will see only partial relief, though, after enduring what they view as a nuisance for two years. While the crushing work will move to an industrial area, the site still will be used to store concrete and other materials until they can be transported to the new crushing site, City

Manager Sam Anselm said. Anselm said city officials had known about the operation since it started but that the city could not take action against it because operators were not required to file for any special permits. “I’m very disappointed they can still dump there,” said resident Phyllis Bickett-Wilson, who lives in the neighborhood.

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Missouri districts award 163 Seals of Biliteracy

Language program completes first year

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More than 160 Seals of Biliteracy were awarded to Missouri students during the inaugural year of the program, which promotes language proficiency. A total of 163 awards were bestowed this year

Another award

STATE OFFICIALS said that in addition to the Missouri Seal of Biliteracy, school districts are encouraged to adopt the Pathway Awards to encourage students to study language in prekindergarten through the 12th grade.

on graduating seniors who demonstrated proficiency in English and any of the world’s languages, including sign language,

according to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The program was launched in Missouri last October and so far has attracted 35 participating school districts, two charter schools and two private schools. “The Missouri Seal is intended to encourage native English speakers to study a foreign language and culture as well as nonnative

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Spotlight

JOPLIN CELEBRATED Decoration Day on May 30, 1919, with ceremonies conducted at city and area cemeteries, the News Herald reported. The O.P. Morton Post of the Grand Army of the Republic

led the parade from Ninth and Main streets to Fairview cemetery. The post and the Women’s Relief Corps marked graves with flags and flowers. The Liberty plot at Fairview Cemetery was the resting place for soldiers who had died at training camps across the country during the recent world war.

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